

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PRESENT: Supervisors \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.  
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2013 AS  
“NATIONAL POETRY MONTH” IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, the Academy of American Poets established the month of April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

**WHEREAS**, as National Poetry Month, under the leadership and direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest literary celebration in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all Americans, including children, students and adults living, studying and working in San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, children learn critical thinking skills and gain confidence when provided with opportunities to study, learn and recite poetry through in-school arts education, after-school arts programs, family outings to literary events, and creative writing and reading activities in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that innovation and creativity are key components to a prosperous California economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation, study and appreciation of poetry helps build cultural bridges, contributes to cross-cultural understanding, and preserves the traditions and contributions of citizens in San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and humanities, affects every aspect of life in San Luis Obispo County today, including education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

**WHEREAS**, poetry has produced some of the County's leading creative artists and has inspired other local artists in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby proclaim April 2013 as “National Poetry Month” in San Luis Obispo County.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded

by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk